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In re Application of: )  
Norimasa OKUDA et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/870,483 )  
Filed: June 1, 2001 )  
Title: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
α-HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC ACID )

Group Art Unit: 1625  
Examiner: Taylor V. Oh  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of July 16, 2002. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.  
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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